



D7 IFQ Committee Report

April 2019

Action Memo

Staff: Sam Cunningham
Action Required: 1. Review committee minutes; action as necessary

BACKGROUND

The IFQ Committee meets on Monday, April 1 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. Committee minutes will be prepared by Council staff and reviewed by the chairman then posted under Agenda Item D7 on the Council's electronic agenda as soon as possible following that meeting. The Committee agenda is linked on the Council's agenda and is also available on the IFQ Committee [webpage](#).

The Committee will receive a staff report on the June 2018 IFQ outreach session and an overview of the two IFQ motions that the Council approved at that meeting. Those motions scheduled two additional IFQ discussion papers. (Note that a complete list of IFQ-related "to-do" items is included as an attachment under the D7 agenda item.) One paper is a staff review of examples of programs outside of Alaska that promote fishery access – scheduled for June 2019. The other paper will scope out regulatory and non-regulatory mechanisms that could facilitate voluntary transfer or quota share from initial quota recipients to hired masters and crew – not yet scheduled. The Committee will also receive an update from NMFS staff on the public comment and implementation status of the Council's recent final action to allow retention of halibut in BSAI pot gear.

The Committee will review and provide comments on three analytical documents that are coming before the Council at the April meeting: CQE fish-up provision in halibut Area 3A (initial review, C6); IFQ ownership eligibility criteria (discussion paper, D6); and small sablefish discards (discussion paper, D8).

The Committee will provide input to the Council on data and topics that should be addressed when the Council initiates its planned three-year review of the GOA sablefish longline pot gear fishery, which could occur in 2020.

Finally, Committee chairman has allotted time for members to offer comments about other IFQ issues that the Council could choose to address in the future, either through new projects or as components of projects that are already slated on the IFQ task list. Public comment by those in attendance will be taken on each agenda item as time allows, at the discretion of the chairman.

Audio from this meeting will be available through a listen-only teleconference line. The number for this line is (907) 245-3900 (PIN 2809).